Name of State/UT	1998 Attacks on Churches	1999 (Upto 31.10.99) Attacks on Churches
4. Karnataka	1	—
5. Kerala	3	5
6. Madhya Pradesh	1	1
7. Maharashtra	7	—
8. Orissa	2	2
9. Tamil Nadu	1	7
Total	41	31

The following measures are being taken by the Government to check communal tension:

(i) Sharing intelligence with the State Governments to enable them to take premptive measures.

(ii) Advisories and Guidelines sent to the State Govts./UTs from time to time.

(iii) Assisting the State Govts. by providing the Central Para-Millitary Force. etc. (The Central Govt. has also constituted a Special Force, viz. Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal riots and tensions).

(iv) Assistance is being provided to the State Govts. in upgrading their policing infrastructure.

(e) 89 persons have been arrested in this regard during this period.

National Commission for Minorities

*55. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Miniter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current term of the national Commission for Minorities is due to end by the end of November, 1999; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to reconstitute the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The term of office of four of the seven members of National Commission for Minorities has ended in November and that of the remaining three shall be ending during the month of December.

(b) The proposal to reconstitute the National Commission for Minorities has already been initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment.

Overstaying by Pakistani Nationals

*56. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of Pakistani nationals who visited India on visa during the past few years did not return to their country even after completion of their stipulated stay;

(b) if so, the number of such persons who are staying illegally in the country;

(c) whether those Pakistanis who are staying illegally in India have established their links with ISI; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such trend?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) as per available information, as on 31.07.1999, regarding Pak nationals who visited India, a total of 11,327 Pak nationals were reported to have not returned after their authorised stay. Of these, 8,700 have overstayed and 2,627 are reported untraced. The possibility of some of them having links with the ISI can not be ruled out. The Central Govrnment is in constant dialogue with the State Governments and Union territory Administrations on the subject of tracing out such Pak nationals and to deport them.